

Dear Readers

**Happy Birthday!**

It has finally arrived, MADNews is 30! I have been into the archives and contributors to the first issue in Jan 1979 include:

- Marcham and Frilford St Peter's WI
- Marcham Players
- Play Group
- Marcham Primary School
- All Saints' and St Luke's Church
- Mothers' Union
- Marcham Baptist Church

There were 4 adverts, a diary section, a report on tree planting and a letter from Divert Around Marcham (DAM)!

Also advertised was a pair of ex-army field telephones £10 – I wonder what happened to them!?

Until next time 

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Parishioner of the Year Award**

For the past 5 years the Council has awarded a Parishioner of the Year Award to a local person or people who had devoted much time and energy working within the community. There are many people who would be worthy recipients, and the Council is now inviting nominations for the next award. Would anyone who wishes to submit a nomination, please contact the clerk, whose details appear below, sending a short statement of not more than 200 words, as to who he/she wishes to nominate and the reasons why the person(s) should receive the award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009.

**Anson Trust**

The Parish Council has been inviting expressions of interest from anyone wishing to be considered to replace Malcolm Denton as one of the Parish Council's nominees on the Anson Trust, following Malcolm's retirement. Mr. Hugh Logan of Orchard Way has now contacted the Council. Mr. Logan has been put forward to the Trust as a possible replacement, for their consideration.

**Cemetery Maintenance Works**

The brambles from the old section have now been removed, and the boundary alongside the stream cleared. The next phase of the works will include lightly trimming back some of the planting on the Southern boundary of the new extension in order to paint the fence. The cemetery working party has drafted some guidance notes for the management of the cemetery and these will be sent out in due course to families in the area known to have plots in the cemetery. Several people have expressed concerns about the state and condition of the cemetery and this lead to the committee planning its improvement works. In view of the concerns raised and the requests from parishioners to keep the area tidy it has been suggested that a group of volunteers could be set up to help maintain the graves of families no longer in the area or to assist those unable to manage to visit the cemetery unaided. If you feel you would like to support this idea and be part of a volunteer group then please contact the Clerk.

**Thames Water – Reservoir – Request for Scoping Opinion**

The reservoir proposal constitutes an "environmental impact assessment" development under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 1999. Thames

Water has requested a scoping opinion under those regulations to assess the scope and methodology of the future environmental statement. The Council is concerned that the consideration is being given to just the reservoir and has asked that a much wider area be taken into account as far as the environmental impact is concerned. The reservoir proposal will obviously attract visitors and there will be an impact on the road network as well as businesses and new economic opportunities. The Council considers that this should be considered as a whole and not on a piecemeal basis. It could well lead to a Thames Valley Economic Development Region given the existence of current scientific and technological projects in the area.

**Additional rubbish**

At this time of year we all seem to accumulate extra packaging and items for the dustbin and recycling bin. Please take note of the re arranged collection days over the holiday period and do not put your refuse and recycling boxes out too early. This applies too for the usual Monday collection, when bags should be at the kerbside by 7.00 a.m. on the day of collection, or at the earliest the evening before.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 14 Jan 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin,  
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**The Chairman, Council members  
and Clerk wish everyone  
a Happy New Year.**

**HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

*Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.*

**New Year Holiday**

Normal Day	Will be...
Tue 30 Dec	Fri 2 Jan
Wed 31 Dec	Sat 3 Jan
Thur 1 Jan	Mon 5 Jan
Fri 2 Jan	Tue 6 Jan
Mon 5 Jan	Wed 7 Jan
Tue 6 Jan	Thur 8 Jan
Wed 7 Jan	Fri 9 Jan
Thur 8 Jan	Sat 10 Jan
Fri 9 Jan	Mon 12 Jan
Mon 12 Jan	Tue 13 Jan
Tue 13 Jan	Wed 14 Jan
Wed 14 Jan	Thur 15 Jan
Thur 15 Jan	Fri 16 Jan
Fri 16 Jan	Sat 17 Jan